

Version with markings to show changes made

Please amend the following paragraph beginning on page 5, line 12 below

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS:

Fig. 1. A sequence comparison of human (Fhit SEQ. ID. NO: 19 and Nit1 SEQ. ID. NO: 21), murine (Fhit SEQ. ID. NO: 20 and Nit1 SEQ. ID. NO: 22), *D. melanogaster* (NitFhit SEQ. ID. NO: 23), and *C. elegans* (NitFhit SEQ. ID. NO: 24) Nit1 and Fhit proteins. Identities are shown in black boxes, similarities are shown in shaded boxes. For human and mouse FHIT GenBank accession numbers are U46922 and AF047699, respectively.

Please insert the following replacement paragraph beginning on page 6, line 4:

Fig. 6. Highly conserved sequence of human, murine, *D. melanogaster*, and *C. elegans* *NIT1* gene (SEQ ID NO:1) and protein (SEQ. ID. NO: 25).